

<p style="text-align: center;">IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</p>	<i>Application Number</i>	New Divisional Application
	<i>Filing Date</i>	Concurrently Herewith
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Galo F. ACOSTA et al.
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	Unknown
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	Unknown
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2599-103-D2
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> ASSAY WORK STATION		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this divisional application, kindly amend the application as follows.

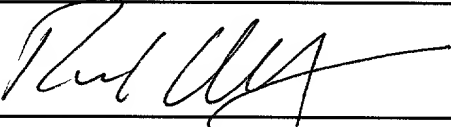
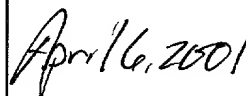
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25 and 34-37.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 34-37 are canceled. Independent claim 26 and dependent claims 27-33, which were restricted out of the parent application, remain pending.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,					
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